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2015 DISCIPLESHIP GRANT APPLICATION

Thank you for your desire to equip men and women to live as disciples of Jesus Christ! This application is an opportunity to reflect on how your proposal aligns with the purpose of Trellis Foundation, which is biblical, intentional, and innovative discipleship. To read what these values mean to Trellis Foundation, [see our website](#). You are welcome to ask questions of clarification as you work on this application, and see our [helpful tips](#).

The board of Trellis Foundation welcomes applicants who meet the following criteria to apply:

- The applicant is an organization which is a Canadian registered charity.
- The organization belongs to the Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada as a church or affiliated ministry. (See [our criteria page](#) to read more.)

Application Deadline: Feedback Deadline: March 1, 2015 – This deadline is available to anyone who would like their application reviewed prior to the final deadline. We highly recommend making use of this deadline in order to submit the best application possible. Final Deadline: March 15, 2015

Submit your application by email to [office\(at\)trellisfoundation.ca](mailto:office(at)trellisfoundation.ca) (preferred method) or by mail to Trellis Foundation, 1229 Windermere Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3T 1A7. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

YOUR INFORMATION

Name of Organization: LAKE RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Organization Mailing Address: 209 RAINBOW FALLS GLEN, CHESTERMERE, AB T1X0S6
Charitable Registration Number: 875499-3 (NFP#) ECC BN#(118781699RR0001)
Contact Person(s) Making Application: PRESTON POULTEUX
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Funding amount requested: \$2000.00 Estimated total cost of initiative: \$5300.00

YOUR PROPOSAL

Please address the following questions on additional pages attached to this application.

Section 1: The Initiative (in one or two paragraphs)

- ❖ Describe the discipleship initiative you are proposing.

Section 2: Biblical Impact (No more than one page)

- ❖ How will this initiative develop disciples of Jesus Christ?
- ❖ What is the biblical inspiration for this initiative?
- ❖ How will this initiative foster the great commission (Mt 28:19-20) and great commandment (Mt 22:34-40)?
- ❖ What is your organization's mission statement? How does this initiative help you accomplish that mission?

Section 3: Intentional Plan (No more than one page, excluding your budget)

- ❖ What need does this initiative meet?
- ❖ What resources from your community will be invested in this project? (people, time, funds)
- ❖ What is the specific time period for the initiative?
- ❖ How will you evaluate the Kingdom impact of this initiative?
- ❖ Please include a detailed budget for the initiative.

Section 4: Innovative Ministry (No more than one page)

- ❖ Briefly tell the history of your organization and how this grant will add to your story.
- ❖ How will this grant allow you to do something unique or new in your ministry context?

Checklist & Signatures

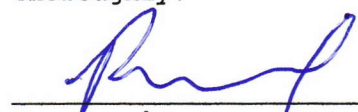
Please check the following boxes, and sign where applicable:

- ☒ We have answered every question and included a budget for this initiative.
- ☒ This grant will not go towards existing operational budgets.
- ☒ If funds are not used for the purpose in this proposal, they will be returned to Trellis Foundation.
- ☒ I will be responsible for completing a grant progress report and/or grant evaluation.

Name: PRESTON POUTEAUX E-mail: prestonpouteaux@gmail.com

Signature of Church/Organization Chairperson and Pastor/Director are required in addition to the person making the application.

By signing, I confirm that I have reviewed the completed application thoroughly:



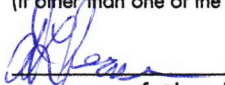
Signature of Requesting Person
(If other than one of the following)

PRESTON POUTEAUX

Print Name

MARCH 2, 2015

Date



Signature of Church/Organization Chairperson

DEL PEASE

Print Name

MARCH 2, 2015

Date



Signature of Pastor/Director

EVAN DEWAZO

Print Name

MARCH 3, 2015

Date

You will be notified of receipt of this application and a response will be given within 30 days of the deadline. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Office Use Only:

- ◆ Application complete w/ budget
- ◆ Signatures completed
- ◆ Qualified donee

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Notified of Decision

Trellis Foundation 2015 Discipleship Grant Application
From Lake Ridge Community Church

Section 1: The Initiative

Lake Ridge Community Church has seen tremendous growth in the past few years as people have come to faith in Jesus and joined the life of the church. These new believers are enthusiastic about their faith, are eager to learn, and many will be future leaders of our church. With this, we recognize the need for spiritual maturity, discipleship, and formation in these new believers. Our initiative is to create two special discipleship retreats, which we would like to call, "Growth Retreats" to be designed as catalyzing formation experiences in the lives of these new believers. We are requesting \$2000.

We envision that the first retreat would have a focus on the Enneagram, possibly led by Rod Peterson. The second retreat would be a focus on the Spiritual Disciplines, possibly led by Preston Pouteaux. This grant would help offset the cost of the retreat so that more people may participate with less of a financial barrier. The result, we believe, would be a greater focus on depth of faith, which in turn would help Lake Ridge Community Church grow in Jesus and produce the fruit of the Spirit in our city.

Section 2: Biblical Impact

-How will this initiative develop disciples of Jesus Christ?

We believe that time-tested practices of retreat are vital to spiritual formation. In the past we have had some experience in short retreats and we have seen the ways these retreats deepen disciples of Jesus. We would like to take this process further, with intentional teaching and follow-up so that more people will experience a new stage of maturity and growth in Jesus.

-What is the biblical inspiration for this initiative?

Throughout scripture we see Jesus and his followers step away from the crowds to pray, listen, and learn. We think this ancient practice of retreat is valuable today and even stands as a counter-cultural practice in a city like Chestermere. By introducing this practice to a variety of people connected with Lake Ridge, we believe that more people will experience Jesus in new ways.

-How will this initiative foster the great commission and the great commandment?

Jesus calls us to make disciples, teach, and baptize. Retreats are a powerful time to focus on being formed in the likeness of Christ, to be transformed in our hearts, and to learn what it means to live for Jesus. We are intentionally taking people out of their hurried lives in order to let them taste the goodness of God. Jesus also calls us to love God fully, and to love our neighbours. We believe these retreats will help us turn our hearts towards God so that we can fully engage our neighbours as a maturing, discipling community of believers.

-What is your organization's mission statement? How does this initiative help you accomplish that mission?

At Lake Ridge we often say, "We're on a journey together with God, pursuing Jesus in the world he loves." This journey involves a life of discipleship and maturity in Jesus. We are pleased so many have come to faith, but the journey is not over, it is just beginning! We want people to be well equipped to follow Jesus over the long haul. It is a cornerstone of our mission and fundamental to the health and vibrancy of Lake Ridge Community Church.

Section 3: Intentional Plan

-What need does this initiative meet?

The two proposed growth retreats meet our need for intentional discipleship and spiritual formation in the lives of those seeking Jesus at Lake Ridge. It is our desire to be a church that reaches out to the neighbourhood, but also models and demonstrates what a life of ongoing discipleship can look like. We believe that by hosting these retreats, we will set a pattern of intentional discipleship in our community for years to come.

-What resources from your community will be invested in this project?

In terms of people, we will draw upon expertise from a spiritual director at Hope Community Covenant Church to lead our first growth retreat. For the second retreat, we will likely use one of our own pastors. The people who will be invited to participate will be people who have demonstrated a clear enthusiasm for further growth in Jesus. Funding for this initiative will be shared. A portion, we propose, will come from the Trellis Foundation, a portion will come from the participants, and a portion will come from Lake Ridge Community Church. Food and travel will be shared and supplied by the participants. Together we hope that this will create a level of buy-in that will make this a truly meaningful experience.

-What is the specific time period for the initiative?

Depending on the successful acceptance of this Trellis grant application, we expect that our first Growth Retreat would be held in the late spring, 2015. The second Growth Retreat would be held in the fall of 2015.

-How will you evaluate the Kingdom impact of this initiative?

These two growth retreats are focused on equipping our congregation to take the next steps in their faith journey with Jesus. The Enneagram is a tool to help people discover how God has made them, and spiritual disciplines are practices that shape our habits and postures in the life of faith. Together we think that these two kinds of retreats will allow for specific pre-work and post-retreat follow up. This is a strength of a discipleship initiative that is rooted in the ongoing life of the church, we will have opportunity to reflect upon the experience, build upon it, and tell the stories of what we have discovered. We think this will inspire others to consider how they are progressing in their discipleship journey,

-Please include a detailed budget for the initiative

EXPENSES	Spring Retreat	Fall Retreat
Speaker	\$500 (outside speaker)	\$0 (LRCC pastor)
1 Night Accommodations	\$100 X 20 participants = \$2000	\$100 X 20 participants = \$2000
Study Materials	\$20 X 20 = \$400	\$20 X 20 = \$400
Total Expense	\$2900	\$2400

INCOME	Spring Retreat	Fall Retreat
Trellis Grant	\$1000	\$1000
Participant Portion	\$1000	\$1000
Lake Ridge Portion	\$900	\$400
Total income	\$2900	\$2400

Summary: Through a Trellis grant, Lake Ridge contribution, and participant fees, we believe that this retreat will be accessible to a broad range of participants.

Section 4: Innovative Ministry

-Briefly tell the history of your organization and how this grant will add to your story.

Lake Ridge Community Church is one of the most recent church plants in the Canada Conference. We are demonstrating the transformative Good News of Jesus, and have established a church in a decidedly post-Christendom culture. Nearly all the historical Christian practices that form a life of discipleship, from sabbath to tithing, from worship to bible study - these are all brand new practices for so many people who have been joining in the life of Lake Ridge Community Church. This is exciting! We are given the privilege of introducing people to faith and to dozens of spiritual practices and postures that have formed millions of disciples for hundreds of years. This Trellis grant will allow Lake Ridge to expose dozens of people to a discipleship experience they may never have had before - a guided spiritual retreat. This fits with the ethos of Lake Ridge Community Church and we believe that as we set practices like this into the DNA of our young church, we will enjoy the fruit of these decisions for years to come.

-How will this grant allow you to do something unique or new in your ministry context?

Spiritual retreats are not new to many believers at Lake Ridge. In fact, many people who have long been on a journey of discipleship can often point back to a time

where they were intentionally engaged through a retreat. It is for this very reason that we want to extend a retreat experience to all of those in our community who have never been on a spiritual growth retreat before. We could send people away, but to do these retreats together as a community may be a powerful experience. In many ways this is not a unique experience, this innovation is not ground breaking. But for those who have never experienced it before, or are new to faith in Jesus and are looking for intentional ways of growing, a retreat like this could truly be life changing. Lake Ridge has done an excellent job of connecting with new people and so many have chosen to enter into the life of the church and of those we are seeing so many who have committed their lives to Christ. We celebrate this! But as Lake Ridge matures we want to ensure that we are forming disciples, followers of Jesus who are resourced to grow deep in their faith. This is a new area for Lake Ridge and we believe this Trellis grant will serve to do precisely what it was created to accomplish - set people on a journey of discipleship.